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The reply filed on 8-29-2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The rejoining of the method claims with the currently allowed product was not done because the method claims did not meet 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph because of the use of parenthesis in claims 13, 14, and 24-26 . It is suggested Applicant resubmit the claims by deleting any reference to "(hyposensitization)" in the claims. In addition claim 26 has no antecedent basis for PM3.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick Nolan whose telephone number is (703) 305-1987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached at (703) 305-3973

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